Rice Chemistry dissatisfied

Mr. Matt Muller
C/o The Rice Thresher
Dear Mr. Muller:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your reasons for leaving Rice. It is not a place one easily forgets, and my wife and I always cherish many fond memories of our years there.

To answer your question—President Hackerman's statement in the Thresher concerning my salary is correct. The University was willing to match UCLA. I might add that during the ten years I was at Rice I was approached by several other universities and in each case Rice responded in a positive way. Therefore, I can state that salary was never a serious issue in my case. However, in the same interview Dr. Hackerman went on to say something to the effect that I was leaving Rice because the facilities were better at UCLA (actually I think he said Cal Tech). This statement is also true, but very misleading. I have presented invited lectures at nearly 60 other universities over the past ten years. From this experience I observed that the facilities for research and teaching in chemistry are better almost anywhere. I don't mean that places like UCLA or Cal Tech, but L.S.U, Texas Tech, Tulane, A&M and TCU, Emory, etc., and I mean no disrespect to those up and coming institutions. It's no longer appropriate for me to elaborate on this important aspect of Rice's future. The Thresher staff might do the University as a whole a great service by investigating this matter. It is interesting to note that with very few exceptions the very best universities in this country have outstanding chemistry departments.

R. V. Stevens
Professor Chemistry

Candidates for '79 elections

Student Association

President
Kevin Badeaux
Becky Mathe
John Cockerham

Internal Vice-President
Bruce Gingrich
Tim Story

External Vice-President
Stuart Conrad

Secretary-Treasurer
No candidates

Off-Campus Representatives (2)
David Brooks
Kent Erickson

University Council

Student Representatives (2)
Gloria Meckel
Noel Sheno
Cindy McCall
Jon Halverson

Rice Program Council

President
Chris Montogomery

Vice-President
No candidates

University Court Chairman
Tom Willecuts

The filing deadline for positions without candidates will probably be extended to Feb. 20 although no final decision has been announced. Elections for these positions will be held two class weeks before.

Jonestown causes backlash

Phil Arnold

The Jonestown tragedy and its relation to the future of American religion served as the focus for lectures and discussions in the Lila Cockrell Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, January 30. Guyanese Minister of Social Affairs Nascimento stated that the building of the Jonestown “city” began in 1976, has been in progress. The renovation, begun in the summer of 1976, has been in progress.

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The first involved the installation of ductwork to replace a system that was a danger to persons using the building. In mid-1978 construction, however, it was discovered that the building would have to be further renovated to meet the city fire code. This resulted in Phase II of the project, the construction of the stairwells at the ends of the building at considerable additional cost. Phase III, now in progress, involves the conversion of different areas into living spaces and research lab space.

Faculty opinion of the success of the renovation is varied. Nearly every faculty member interviewed stated that there was a tremendous amount of stupidity involved in the project. Several further pointed out that there was not enough consultation with the department during the planning stages. Joe Franklin, head of the department and the remainder of the project that he never saw the plans until after the contract was signed and that he felt there was no specific departmental input. Harry Ebert, Physical Plant Administrator, says that “just continued on page 15

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This letter from former Rice professor R. V. Stevens appeared in the Thresher in January of 1977. Discussions with several members of the Chemistry faculty reveal a similar dissatisfaction with facilities, including the $1.8 million renovation project still in progress.

Candidate for ’79 elections

Honor Council

5th Year Representative (2)
Vincent James

Senior Representative (4)
Craig Litherland
Sara Hill
Thomas Kobayashi

Junior Representative (3)
Liz Israel
Mark Helling

Sophomore Representative (2)
Steven Schooner
Richard Gerlach
Eric Bauereis
Douglas Nissin
Joseph Barker

Thresher

Editor
Rich Dees
Matthew Muller

Business Manager
Jay Oliphant

Campanile

Editor
No candidates

after the filing deadline. Candidates may submit campaign statements for publication in next week's Thresher. Deadline is Feb. 12 at 5:00 pm.
Women alumni speak on life beyond

Amy Christensen

Have you been wondering lately what it will be like when you leave the secure atmosphere of Rice and venture into the real world "beyond the hedges"? Are you curious about what it is like actually to be a doctor, lawyer, C.P.A. or domestic engineer? Have you thought about how you will be able to manage both a family and a career? These and many other questions which concern Rice women were discussed at a "Life Beyond the Hedges" Symposium, sponsored by the Society of Rice University Women last Saturday in the Grand Hall of the RMC.

Seven very interesting Rice alumni were present to tell about the careers and lifestyles which they chose after leaving Rice.


Dr. Margaret Sullivan—clinical research in disabilities of childhood, at M.D. Anderson. Rice graduate, 1944; medical school at Duke, 1944; medical school at Duke, Texas) in Chemical Engineering (1928). Married 48 years.

Most of the women agreed that their education at Rice did not provide specific training for any particular job, but that the breadth of education received here was a foundation for later study and careers. They also provided some advice for women interested in improving their chances for success. Women must learn to cope with rejection. Sharolyn Wood observed, and learn not to take rejection personally. Women are taught by experience throughout their lives to accept the blows of rejection and then recover and move on. But women are often sheltered from these experiences and therefore find it difficult to recover from their first rejection.

Women must also learn to "read" management better. Christi Oliver advised, knowing in which areas to concentrate their efforts. Carolyn Woodruff emphasized the importance of remaining flexible in whatever one chooses to do, in order to be able to make adjustments to the changes which occur in life.

Escort service gets wheels

Bryan Eppstein

The Rice University Student Escort Service is proud to announce to the Rice community that the quality of its program has been improved with the addition of an electric golf cart. This cart will be stationed at the library, Sunday through Thursday (7:00 pm - 12:00 am) for escorting women around the campus at night. Any questions or comments as to the use of this cart should be directed to either Robert Cooper (526-5650) or Bryan Eppstein (526-4532) or to your college escort representative. Five months of planning and negotiating with the administration preceded the acquisition of this new feature to improve our present system of campus security. I wish to express appreciation to all individuals and parties which have shown an interest in securing this cart and I want to give a special thanks to Robert Cooper, Sam Carrington, Russ Sullivan, Russell Priman, and the Campus Police for their time and hard work.

Escorting services can only protect those who use them; therefore, all women on the Rice campus are encouraged to use either the Student Escort Service or the Campus Police.

Journalism scholarships offered

College students from southern states who are interested in a career related to the news or editorial aspects of newspaper writing may apply for a Ralph McGill scholarship for 1979-80. Other qualifications are a strong academic record, evidence of leadership capability, and completion of at least two years of college. Awards will be in varying amounts not to exceed $1500.

The scholarships are funded by the Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund as a memorial to Ralph McGill, former publisher of the Atlanta Constitution.

Application blanks may be obtained from:

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund
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1. A 500-word statement by the applicant giving his or her reason for seeking a Ralph McGill scholarship and confirming an interest in a career of newspaper writing.

2. A photograph of the applicant.

3. A letter of recommendation from an official of the college or university.

Completed applications must be received at the above address no later than May 1, 1979.

Hyman again Pulitizer juror

Dr. Harold M. Hyman, the William Aiken Professor of History, recently completed his third stint as a Pulitzer Prize Juror.

In 1972 he served on the Pulitzer History Jury; in 1977 as member of the Pulitzer Biography Jury, and in 1978 as Chairman of the Pulitzer Biography Jury.

These assignments involve Juror members in very heavy reading for assignments over six months of the calendar year. They encompass also engaging, if fatiguing, questions of historical scholarly criticism, literary effectiveness, and research completeness.

Being named to the jury places one at the center of scholarly publishing currents in the indicated fields. The subjects range widely over American and non-American themes, authors are academics and off-campus writers, and publishers include the most prestigious university and commercial presses and some Dr. Hyman did not know before his service on the Pulitzer jury.
Wetback

"I suppose you're wondering why I called for you. Try not to be too uneasy or suspicious, because you're not in any trouble whatsoever. You know as well as I that I couldn't threaten you at this point.

"You've been here for five years. Now you have learned all there is to know about life here. Certainly you are also aware of what the future will offer you.

"You were brought here today because I have a proposal to discuss with you. This proposal may very well be the turning point in your life, so you must understand it in detail.

"Years ago this sort of thing would not have been possible. Our ancestors were much too soft, much too troubled by societies and sanctions and morals and other issues guided by the heart.

"They took great pride in being humane and virtuous and just. Anything else was scorned and inhibited. For some reason or another, they had a curious difficulty in accepting the more violent aspects of their nature.

"Whatever reality allowed to reach them only made brief thuds on their impressions. This was largely due to the mass criticism and numerous controversies which arose whenever violence appeared in the media.

"These defensive actions were successful for a short time, but eventually they were overcome by the desires of the populace. "The elder race was plagued in that they were born to a life of suffocation. Throughout daily life they were constantly bombarded with the constructs of right and wrong. Right was good and rewarded; wrong was undesirable and stifled. The misfortune came when they defined the constructs. When they made their policies, they set out to inhibit the basic fiber of which they were made!"

"What remained of their ill-treated instincts found only masked expression in certain forms of entertainment. Here violence was somehow acceptable and often encouraged as a beneficial catharsis for the troubles of the populace.

"Activities such as 'going to the Contests' or 'attending the Guild Auction' soon became popular, and large amounts of money were used to develop techniques which made that acceptable expression as like as possible. The fans and critics seemed to like it that way.

"As the trend went, the more they were allowed to see, the more they demanded. Changes were made in hopes to satiate the appetite of the growing beast, but it was never quite enough.

"Introducing scenes depicting the most extreme acts of violence satisfactorily their needs for a short time, but eventually simulated expression was no longer able to satisfy as real entertainment. No image, no matter how life-like, would suffice. What could we turn to?"

"Obviously the individuals who participate in the Contests would never accept a proposal like this. They are successful professional athletes with too much to lose. The performers in the Guilds were also quite hesitant to accept a role so permanent as the one offered by this proposal. Besides, it wouldn't make any sense at all.

"If the populace wants to see someone special, it would not be profitable to completely deny them that privilege. "After dealing with individuals who had too much to lose, our only alternative involves those who have nothing to lose at all.

Individuals in the Correction Centers are a reasonable consideration.

"You have been here for five years. Considering your age, I suppose you expect to be here for several more before you...leave us. Life for most is woefully short. Yet in some instances, life can be interminably long. I'm sure there have been moments during your last five years of isolation when you've wished for an end to it all.

"I offer you fulfillment of that wish. It would be advisable for you to return to your isolation module and give this a good deal of consideration. When you have reached a conclusion, merely look into the monitor and say so You will be understood. Within an hour we would be heading for a shuttle to take us to a Contest or Guild site for your training. The choice is yours, of course. After all, you would be the star."

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Thomas Whiting Peck
Greg Senofsky

High above the din of a local steak house floats that graceful swinger Boom-Boom Kawalski. A hush settles over the crowd, a cowbell is kicked. Applause. Boom-Boom (real name is Debra Owens) is one of those coordinated and fearless-(well-built)-girls who provide aerial entertainment in Houston's Old San Francisco Steak House. We were lucky to catch her on the upswing for an exclusive conversation.

Boom-Boom is a twenty-three-year-old full time student at University of Houston, dedicated to the performing arts. The stage name was given to her by the piano player (to protect the innocent); Debra is a real knock-out. When asked if she gets scared as she swings toward the ceiling, Boom-Boom replied, "I'm concentrating too hard to be frightened."

Although one might expect Boom-Boom to be a dare-devil, matching her little red costume and garters, she is really a dedicated artist. Being a veteran of classical ballet training and modern dance, Boom-Boom applies her knowledge to the job. "I had to unlearn everything I developed swinging at playgrounds as a child." Looking back to the early days of her career, Boom-Boom remembers when she would hurtle herself at the little cowbell on the restaurant's ceiling with a beginners zeal. After a year of practice, she mastered her professional swinging and developed a "sideways" technique which embodies the laws of inertia and force vectors (there is always something for everybody). While still a novice, Boom-Boom had several mishaps, often parting some waiter's hair or trailing a toe in a Pina Colada.

But that is all ancient history. Today Boom-Boom glides through the steak aroma, sparking imaginations and adding zest to the fare. As Debra puts it, "Most steak houses sell the same product; the Old San Francisco sells atmosphere." Boom-Boom can be seen swinging on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Go to see her. It's a rare treat anyway you cut it.

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Rice Players present evening of one-acts

For their third show of the 1978-79 season, the Rice Players are proud to announce their production of three one-act plays: Comings and Goings, Love Scene and the Houston premiere of The Kid.

Comings and Goings by Megan Terry is a transformation play with two characters, He and She, involved in a series of naturalistic and abstract scenes exploring the variety of relationships between men and women. The play is structured as a theatre game for four actors and four actresses who each know all of the male and female lines respectively. There are two actors on stage at a time and approximately every 90 seconds a new actor is sent in to replace one of the actors on stage. The substitute is required to change the context of the scene, and the actor playing opposite him must discover what the new situation is and play along with it.

The result is that the mood and meaning of each scene is determined solely by the imagination of the actors and actresses, and the play is performed different each time it is performed.

Miss Terry calls it "a trampoline for actors and director." In the cast for Comings and Goings are Chris Davis, Scott McDonald, Peter Redding, Juan Zalles, Nancy Webb, Nancy Ellen Walker, Deborah Wenkert, and Margaret Enea.

Robert Coover describes his creation as a "liturgical theatre game for four actors and four actresses, and the play is performed different each time it is performed.

Professor Salomon Bochner, Edgar Odell Lovett Professor of Mathematics at Rice University, received a Leroy P. Steele Prize from the American Mathematical Society at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Society in Biloxi, Mississippi, January 24-27, 1979.

Professor Bochner received his award for the cumulative impact of his total mathematical work, high level research over a period of time, particular influence on the development of his fields, and influence on mathematics through Ph. D. students. In particular, the fields of harmonic analysis, Fourier analysis, several complex variables, function theory, probability theory, periodic functions, differential geometry, and the history of ideas were cited, and his thirty-five students over the course of his career.

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An exciting finish, but that's only the beginning! This and much more can be found at the Second Annual Brown Derby on February 17. The races will be shown in the comfort of a lounge-type setting with easy access to the betting booths where you can win your fortune and use it to participate in the auction at the end of the night.

There will be an open bar featuring mint juleps and many other drinks to help you get through your sorrows if you lose your winnings in the daily double or celebrate when you clean up in the exacta. Between races, you can sit back and enjoy the floor show, featuring songs and dance, or you can dance your own feet off in the refurbished Brown party room.

The cost of this intoxicating evening will be a mere two dollars and if you want to get into the spirit of things early, you can purchase a Brown Derby T-shirt for only $3.95.

So, it's time to don your racing attire and grab your lucky horseshoe or call your favorite oddsmaker in preparation for a wild and crazy night. The betting begins at eight, the first race is at nine and it's Magic Brownie and Mr. Bill by a nose...it's Magic Brownie...it's Mr. Bill...oh nooo...it's Magic Brownie!! The winner!

Jameson fellowships offered in American Studies for Bayou Bend

Rice undergraduates who will be seniors in 1979-80 and Rice graduate students in the field of American studies broadly defined who are interested in a part-time internship working with the Bayou Bend Collection may apply to be considered for a Jameson Fellowship. The stipend for 1979-80 will be approximately $3500.

Qualifications include the student's interest in early nineteenth century American art, period interiors, and decorative arts, his or her background training in the historical periods represented by the Collection from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century, and an excellent academic record.

Applications should be submitted to Dr. Richard Smith, department of History, Fondren Library, who is chairman of the University selection committee for the scholarship. Applications should include:

1. a short application (approximately two or three typewritten pages) stating the student's interest in the fellowship and willingness to undertake the internship during 1979-80,

2. a transcript, and

3. two supporting letters from Rice faculty, at least one of which should be from the department recommending the student. It is assumed that the departments most likely to be recommending candidates to the selection committee are English, History, Art/Art History, and Architecture.

The deadline for applications to be received by the selection committee is Tuesday, March 6.

Further information on the terms of the fellowship and on the Bayou Bend Collection may be secured from Dr. Smith or the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs.
Percy's book has unsettling effect

Lancelot
by Walker Percy
Avon Press $2.25

Jeanmarie Amend

There is only one reason I am telling you about these old sad things, or rather trying to remember them, and it has nothing to do with not being able to remember. It is because the past, any past, is intolerable, not because it is violent or terrible or doomsstruck or any such thing, but just because it is so goddam banal and faceless and useless. And violence is the most banal and banal of all. It is horrible not because it is bloody but because it is meaningless....

"Thom why bother to tell you?...There is only one way one can endure the horrible banality of it: that is that I sense there is a clue I've missed and that you might juck it up."

"A clue to what?...The mystery lies in the here and now. The mystery is: what is one to do with oneself...unless you do something about it, the passage of time is nothing...."

Well, Lancelot Lamar did something about it, but what his action signifies is a mystery confronting the reader, no one else. Lancelot leaves the proposition entirely up to the reader because he himself cannot decide.

The single voice of the novel, he tells his story from a solitary cell in a jail or asylum and somewhere in New Orleans. Yet all the while he speaks, he listens to the cell, too, with detached fascination as if he was he just as well as meaning to him only when he articulated it for the first time. A shared discovery!

He opens the narrative with questions, speaking conversationally to an old friend who himself seems to represent failed ideals ("Well, I've found out who you are."). Lancelot says to him. "Your profession, that is a priest physician. Which is to say, a screwed up priest or a half-assed physician. Or both"). They speak. Gradually, enthranced by the power of his own story, Lancelot gains momentum; he remembers and rationalizes fragments of the events which led to his confinement, events dated Before and After his wife's sexual betrayal.

Her indefinity is the center of the novel. From this focal point Lancelot's rage spins out centrifugally in every direction, attacking moral disorder of all kinds in society. The story from this perspective becomes a revised Revelations, and Lancelot is more an avenging angel than the knight-errant his name implies. His sermon on apathy: "...my wife had deceived me, that is, had had carnal relations with another man...You would think wouldn't you, that the new cuckold would respond with the appropriate emotions -- shock, shame, humiliation, sorrow, anger, hate, vengefulness, etc. Would you believe me when I tell you that I felt none of these emotions? What I felt was a pinicking at the base of the spine, a turning of the worm of interest...The only emotion people feel nowadays is interest or the lack of it." On love: "Why didn't I love Siobhan when I thought she was my own child? Well, I suppose I 'loved' her. What is love? Why this dread closeness towards those closest to you and most innocent? Have families ever loved each other except when some dread thing happened to somebody?"

This inofficious capacity Lancelot drops the satiric tone which makes his earlier comments so entertaining (on the Church: "What the nun doesn't realize is that they look better in nun clothes than in J. C. Penney pantsuits; or on intelligence: "Being 'smart' on the football team meant that you read Time magazine and had heard of the Marshall Plan."). He makes the words sound much more final, as if such degeneration and disillusionment were the American Way; his theory of The Great Secret of Life reiterates this with an absurd numing logic, appropriate for a madman. But it is an argument so convincing that even Lancelot's vision of a New Beginning cannot cancel its effect, or the unsettling feeling which lingers long after finishing the novel.

Eric Clapton
Backless
by Thom Giddlen

Eric Clapton's Backless is a melllow rock effort with enough of a blues flavor to make it interesting.

Clapton has often come under fire since the early seventies for being uninspired and commercially motivated. Many listeners may criticize this album for similar reasons.

"Walk In the Rain," written by Bob Dylan, opens the album as a slow-rocking love ballad. "Watch Out for Lucy," a simple blues-rock tune, has already received considerable airplay. "I'll Make Love to You Anytime" is a laid-back song with a seductive slide guitar solo.

Marcy Levy steps in on vocals to accompany a tasteful set of guitar riffs on "Roll It."

Clapton's guitar unites with a flowing piano progression on the smoothly melodic, "Tell Me That You Love Me." Another Dylan song, "If I Don't Be There by Morning," opens side two with almost inaudible lyrics. The high point of the album occurs on "Early in the Morning," which is a pure blues song with a guitar part as creative as any Clapton has ever done.

"Promises" comes next and is a mindless love song with absolutely no musical value. An attempt at a folk sound completely fails on "Golden Ring." A lively blues rock tune, "Tulsa Time," closes the album as another peak in a collection of songs that has far too many valleys.

Another in a series of mediocre efforts, Backless fails to showcase the proven guitar talents of Eric Clapton simply through a poor selection of material. Never an outstanding singer, the vocals of Clapton drone anyone to boredom. Overall, the album is unimpressive except for the two or three cuts on which the blues guitar of Clapton momentarily surfaces. Rating: 3-

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On Golden Ring. A lively blues rock tune,
A Statement by Members of the University Review Board, Listed Below

The case of the Student Association vs. the past editor of the Thresher has directed attention to a persistent and difficult problem in student government. The task of proper oversight of student organizations, which receive support from the student blanket tax, is a knotty one. The University Review Board recently had to rule that an appeal by Roy Lee Beller had no standing, and that the case is closed with the Proctor’s decision on the appeal by the defendant.

Our ruling was required by provisions of the Judicial Code, and represents neither an evasion of responsibility by the Board nor support of one view over another. It certainly should not be understood as a rebuff to the University Court, nor as a setback to the Senate’s attempt to rectify an undesirable situation in student affairs. It is wisely believed that attempts on the part of the Senate to carry out its constitutional mandate to exercise oversight have been ineffective, and that organizations such as the Thresher, the Campanile, and KTRU go their own ways.

The current Senate is attempting to reassert its prerogatives and discharge its responsibilities, as part of the system of checks and balances necessary in a democratically governed community. The resulting adversary relations often lead to polarities and personal animosities, which complicate the problem. Nevertheless the responsibilities are clear.

The right, hence the responsibility, of student organizations to manage their own affairs has been achieved at the cost of considerable effort by previous student generations. These rights have been curtailed if responsibility is not exercised. The University has a concern that the student body, through the appropriate organs of the Student Association, should provide more effective oversight of the financial and managerial practices of organizations for which it is responsible. In the case of the Thresher, there must be a careful distinction between oversight of business and financial practices, on the one hand, and the conduct of editorial policies, on the other. Recent history suggests that some of the problems of oversight arise from confusion on this point.

We find a large degree of agreement on the nature of the problem and the need for solution. It seems that significant progress has been made. The University Court has accepted jurisdiction in such a question. The Board has stated an important principle which should serve as the basis for handling future cases, if any.

The Senate is engaged in trying to correct the results of unfortunate drift in policy and practice. We trust the Thresher is setting its house in order and is willing to communicate in an attempt to obtain a more viable set of by-laws. As evidence of our concern and support, we restate the by-laws made last May, in our ruling on the question of withholding salaries.

1) The by-laws relating to financial procedures and practices of student organizations should be reviewed carefully to ensure that they are appropriate for existing conditions. In particular, these procedures must be broad enough to allow compliance with State and Federal laws.

2) The Senate, through its committees, should provide more effective oversight of the financial and managerial practices of organizations for which it is responsible. In the case of the Thresher, there must be carefull distinction between oversight of business and financial practices, on the one hand, and the conduct of editorial policies, on the other. Recent history suggests that some of the problems of oversight arise from confusion on this point.

As a newspaper, the Thresher should be accountable to the student body through the appropriate organs of the Student Association. While good management practices must allow reasonable discretion to the editor and business manager in details of handling the business, these persons are nevertheless accountable for the decisions made and the actions taken.

We believe that these recommendations should apply mutatis mutandis to the Campanile, KTRU, and other affiliate organizations.

Joan Rea Boorman
Elizabeth Heitman
S.W. Higginbotham
Harold Jay Marcus
Paul Pfeiffer
Dale Spence
Guest Editorial

In December of this year the final issue of the English 101 book consisted of stories not a usual type of reading for an English course. The resulting question asked the students to themselves the question, "an education that does it mean?"

It was probably a valid test whether the students had been asked for the idea of increasing the student discount at the Rice Campus Store. We believe that students are more likely to purchase their books from the Campus Store than any other bookstore in the area.

The College System could be one of the most dynamic educating forces at Rice University. But the colleges have not been given adequate authority or funding to fulfill this potential, and are floundering in a "no-man's land" between dormitories and the actualized college systems which we originally modeled. The college system can be a meeting place for "art and life" a place where less formal, but no less important, learning can take place. It can make a significant contribution to "educating" the people who pass through Rice. But it cannot make these contributions unless it is strong financially and has a significant degree of self-control. These things must be assured, for a commitment to strengthen the college system is a commitment towards creating an educated, as contrasted with a trained, Rice graduate. It is a commitment long overdue, and we have been presented with an unique opportunity this year to make this commitment.

In a recent editorial, Richard Dees proposed that the Campus Store was being "run below cost," and that the official statement was "a lie." In order to maintain itself, Mark Sloan, Campus Store Manager and Mrs. M. Reynolds, Campus Store Manager, regard the reduction in yearly profit for the store. Mr. Sloan was responsible for the 5% student discount which will be increased if the profit continues to be as high as the past two years.

The Store is naturally in business to make a profit, in order to maintain itself. Mark Sloan put into a college endowment fund, I concur with his sentiments. The accumulated profits came from the students, and it should be returned to them where it will benefit them the most. I believe that place is in an endowment fund.

Benefits from library improvements, RMC expansion or increased Health Service facilities can be easily quantified. No value, however, can be placed upon the education students receive in the colleges. And after all, we did come here to be educated.

Tim Griffy

letters to the editor

To Russell Pitman, Manager
Campus Business Affairs

As representatives of the members of the Richardson College, the Richardson College Council unanimously expresses support for the idea of increasing the student discount at the Rice Campus Store.

With the increases in tuition and room and board, each year, a higher discount at the bookstore could afford some measure of relief to those of us at Rice. In light of the recent revelation concerning accumulated campus store profits, such relief is not unwarranted.

We thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

(Approved by the Sid W. Richardson College Council, 1-25-79.)

Kevin L. McKenna
President
Sid W. Richardson College

To the Editor:

This reply is in regards to the Thresher article, "Students' Interests Should Guide Cash Allocations," by Richard Dees.

Your interest in University matters is appreciated, but please get the facts straight.

In revealing its surplus, the Campus Store is concerned with returning benefits to the students. The Public Accounting firm four years ago the Store donated $50,000 to create and open the business. At present, the Campus Store Advisory Committee is looking for another such improvement to the Campus, and the suggestion for college endowments is being considered.

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Benefits from Library improvements, RMC expansion or increased Health Service facilities can be easily quantified. No value, however, can be placed upon the education students receive in the colleges. And after all, we did come here to be educated.

Cynthia B. Somervell
Campus Store Advisory Committee
Jones College North

To the Editor:

In the February 1 issue of The Rice Thresher, Kevin L. McKenna discussed the issue of using student journalists who work for the newspaper. His comments are well taken. However, he failed to examine the nature of the newspaper. First, the newspaper is an ongoing publication which depends on students. There are regular deadlines which do not shift for the students' convenience. And, more than just "monetary inducement" it's a job. When a student places importance on studies, finances, social life, etc., a non-paying, extra-curricular activity gets left far behind. Even if your paycheck, the added strain to write, photograph, edit, etc., is of little importance, it's down to deadlines and exams.

What is the function of The Rice Thresher? Well, it's the only means of communicating to the student body on a regular basis. The communication is broad, student activities, politics, community advertising, and the economic situation to look at just one issue. I've been at Rice University for a couple of months, and before the students returned to school and the newspaper resumed publication, I heard little about the University's present situation. Anything I wanted to know required effort on my part. The newspaper is a service.

Have Senate members taken a look behind the scenes? How much of a staff turnover is there at The Rice Thresher? Have members of the Senate considered the newspaper's contacts in the community, the image it reflects in the community, and to other universities and associations which receive the publication? Have Senate members considered the value of the views expressed in the newspaper, and the opportunity it offers to express their views in this medium.

Instead of answering so many monetary questions, Senate members should go further and change the function of The Rice Thresher.

Syble A. Ross, BA
USC Journalism

The Rice Thresher

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Women's tennis team: a talented squad

A bright new season is underway for the Rice women's tennis team. Eight talented and enthusiastic young women and Coach Cynthia Averitt have high plans for this year.

The long-term goal is to make Rice Women's tennis nationally known,” said Averitt. “This is the goal of every university, but hopefully we will be able to achieve this in the near future.”

“Presently, we will take one match at a time and await the outcome,” explained Coach Averitt.

Coach Cynthia Averitt, who previously coached Women's tennis at East Carolina University for two years and taught tennis for six years, is in her first year at Rice. She received her masters from East Carolina and was captain of the tennis team there during her junior and senior year. Averitt was named Most Outstanding Player in 1975.

Averitt, who was recently named one of the most outstanding women in America for 1978, has played the professional circuit and was ranked second in women's doubles in North Carolina. Currently, she is also ranked second in mixed doubles in North Carolina.

At Rice, she stresses rigorous conditioning and the power of positive thinking for her team.

The members of the 1978-79 Rice Varsity team are: Kay Abrahams, Lisa Blackburn, Sue Collings, Jennifer Kraft, Debbie Melaas, Cindy Scott, Nina Springer, and Sue Taylor.

Kay Abrahams-18, freshman from Old Westbury, N.Y. She has been ranked by the Eastern Tennis Assn. among the top junior players since 1971. In 1977, she was sixteenth in girls' 18 tennis and fifteenth in women's tennis. For 1978 play, she is tenth in girls' 18 and third in girls' 18 doubles. Kay plays a thinking game which accompanies a steady baseline strategy.

Lisa Blackburn-18, a freshman from Richmond, Texas. Through four years of high school play, Blackburn developed powerful topspin groundstrokes and placed first on her team. She received “Most Outstanding Girl Athlete” in 1978. Lisa is working hard to improve her serves and her serve.

Sue Collings-20, junior from Dallas. Sue was the captain of her high school team and was voted the “Most Outstanding Player” as a sophomore at Rice. She played no. 1 for the varsity team and has been working on her singles game.

Debbie Melaas-18, freshman from Pearl River, N.Y. Debbie played no. 1 on her high school team and was a finalist in the New York State high school tournament. She is ranked no. 22 in girls' 18 tennis by the Eastern Tennis Assn. and second in mixed doubles in the Middle States. She is a strong, hard court player and excels in the serve and volley aspects of the game. Debbie won "Junior Athlete of the Year," an award presented by a local women's sports magazine.

Cindy Scott-21, senior from Arlington, Texas. Cindy played no. 1 and no. 2 on the Rice team last year. She relies on her strong serve and volleys to add pressure to her game. As captain her junior year, she teamed with Sue Collings in doubles to reach the quarters of the State Championship. Sue and Cindy also reached the quarter-finals of the Cotton Bowl during Christmas in Dallas.

Sue Taylor-19, a sophomore from Munster, Indiana. She was ranked fourteenth by the Western Tennis Assn. on the prestigious Junior Federation Cup Team. Last year, Sue started the season playing no. 1 on the team but after two months, suffered a broken wrist which caused her to miss the remainder of the season. She is back now, stronger than ever, playing a good all court game. She is a solid singles and doubles player.

Nina Springer-21, senior from Los Angeles. She is the current captain of the women's team. As a sophomore, she and Cindy Scott served as co-captains. Springer plays a baseline game with a strong two-handed backhand.

Rice University Women's Tennis Team
Spring Schedule

Feb.
8 (Thur.)  St. Mary's  Home  2:00 pm.
16 (Fri.)  North Texas State Univ.  There  2:00 pm.
17 (Sat.)  Univ. of Dallas  There  9:00 am.
25 (Sun.)  Univ. of San Diego  There  1:00 pm.
26 (Mon.)  San Diego State  There  1:30 pm.
28 (Wed.)  Univ. of Calif. (Irvine)  There  1:00 pm.

March
1 (Fri.)  Long Beach City College  There  1:00 pm.
4 (Sun.)  Louisiana Tech  Home  1:00 pm.
10 (Sat.)  Baylor  Home  1:00 pm.

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Women's tennis team (left to right): Front row- Sue Collings, Sue Taylor, Debbie Melaas, Kay Abrahams; back row- Lisa Blackburn, Coach Cynthia Averitt, Cindy Scott, Nina Springer, Jennifer Kraft

Sue Taylor serves one up.  photo by Tom Scales
Greg Holloway

The Desperados took the 1979 intramural soccer tournament Saturday by defeating Ipswich, 8-2, on a field which more closely resembled a swamp.

The field was actually divided into two parts: one half was extremely slushy and the other half was a lake. The Desperados were able to shoot at the soggy goal in the first half, which gave them reasonably good scoring, and a chance to pass the ball over semi-dry ground. The Desperados proved that they did not need such advantages, however, as they controlled play on both ends of the field.

Barely 25 seconds into the game Ron Leven took a pass from the left wing and fired a shot from 8 yards out to give the Desperados a 1-0 lead. Before Ipswich could recover, the outlaws added 3 goals by Valdeman Mendoza and 2 by Fred Frey to surge ahead, 6-0.

Throughout the game it was Mendoza and Frey who controlled the tempo of play. Both showed better ball skills than anyone on the field and were the main reasons for the Desperados' success.

Ipswich managed a goal by Steve Hedrick late in the first half to narrow the gap but Mendoza ripped in two more goals to give the Desperados an 8-1 cushion at the half.

The second half was marked by conservative play by the Desperados, whose offense was now on the underwater portion of the field. Ipswich never stopped hustling and put a great deal of pressure on the Desperados' ball players even though hampered in their passing attack by the wet turf.

Fullback Jay Oliphant and halfback John Fite came up with a number of steals for Ipswich when the Desperados tired in the second half, but could not produce any goals until Jim Jones added a tally with 1:00 left to make the final 8-2.

Will Rice and Lovett moved on to the second round of the college tournament with impressive first round wins.

Will Rice led Wiess by a scant one goal, 1-0, well into the second half before breaking loose to a 5-0 victory. Will Rice's scoring was a group effort, as Jeff App, Dan Cohen, Gary Raymer, and John Humphry each had one goal. In the second round, WRC will meet Sid Rich.

Later on the same Saturday, Lovett defeated Hanszen, 7-4. William Rabson pushed Hanszen ahead with an early goal, but that turned out to be the Fun College's only score. Lovett retaliated with 3 goals by Steve "Hat" Trick Worren, and one each by Mark Scovel, Joe Bea, and Lewis Sutherland. Hanszen added an own goal to bring the Lovett count to seven. Lovett meets Baker in the next round.

Hanszen, Lovett take first-round college wins

College Playoffs

Hanszen and Lovett defeated Wiess and Will Rice in the college basketball tournament's first week.

Wiess and Hanszen met in the first round of the playoffs Friday night and Hanszen moved on in the tourney with a solid 80-68 victory.

Hanszen, led by guards George Taylor and Ryan Coughman, jumped to an early 17-7 lead, and, except for a brief Wiess comeback late in the first half, was never seriously threatened. Taylor had the hot hand in the first half, when he sank most of his 15 points. Not far behind George was the rest of the Hanszen squad. The Hanszens ripped in 21 out of 39 (53.8%) first half shots while playing the best 20 minutes seen in intramural basketball this season. Only the outstanding play of Wiessman Mike Oestmann, effective Wiess press near the end of the stanza, kept the score close, 43-37, at the half.

The second period was not as well played by either team. Hanszen, out-rebounded 25-14 in the first half, hit the boards a little better in the second, snaring one more rebound than Wiess, 25-24. Most of the rebounding improvement came from Hanszen's Steve Hook and Blake Vernon, both of whom also provided much of the scoring punch in the second half.

In contrast to Hanszen, Wiess never seemed to play as a team. They shot a poor 31.2% from the field (Hanszen, 44.9%) and were in the game mainly because of good performances by Oestmann and Odis Mack, who finished with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Early Carl Cooper pulled his way to 12 of Wiess' total. Hanszen's scoring was spread among six, Taylor's 15, Coughman's 12, and Vernon's 9.

Hanszen's next game will be against Sid Rich Thursday night at 7:00.

Lovett slipped by a tough Wiess squad Tuesday, 77-73 to move into the tournament's final four.

Most of the early play was a little ragged, with no team able to gain more than a 3 or 4 point lead. Two players dominated the early action. Will Rice's Frank Wilson scored 14 points in the first 20 minutes, almost all of them coming from lay-ups and tip-ins. Jim Day was the first-half star for Lovett—he had 4 and Vicki Raab contributed 2 for Mr. R.

Wednesday League

Black Strategy (3-0) assured itself of a playoff berth by shutting down the Reformed Malignants, 37-0. Denise Bostick nailed in 14, Dana Bryant had 11, and Theodora Phe added 8 for the Strategy.

The Hoop Hogs crushed Best of Brown, 77-73 to move into the playoff berth by romping over Mr. R's Neighborhood, 37-6. Sarah Barnaby poured in 18 points. Christy Anderson had 4 and Vicki Raab contributed 2 for Mr. R.

Women's league play

Monday League

The Benson Bouncers finished the season undefeated (4-0) by exhausting the Blatant Malignants 33-6. Sarah Barnaby came through big with 14; Vicki Attaway and Martha Proctor ginned in 8 apiece. Linda Donnelly and Debbie Martin each provided 2 for B of B.

Things that don't rate a separate article but oughta be read anyway:

It's deadline time for four women's college intramurals for softball, tennis singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Must be submitted by Friday, February 9 at 5 p.m. Men's softball entries close a week later.

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Hogs outgun Rice

Russell Henderson

Saturday night, the Rice Owls got off to a slow start and never quite recovered, as they dropped one to Sidney Moncrief (and the Arkansas Razorbacks) 68-50.

Rice, playing once again without Elbert Darden, was ice-cold in the first half. Fortunately, Arkansas was not at the top of its game, as the Hogs (except for Moncrief) seemed to have let down after their victory over Texas. Even so, the Razorbacks took a commanding 32-14 half-time lead.

Sidney was hot all night, and actually outscoored Rice in the first half, 17-14. Moncrief seemed to have let down after warming up and slamming the ball through with one hand. The Horns reached their biggest lead at the final buzzer.

One reason for the Owls' decline is poor shooting. The people who should be making shots are missing, and the people who should not be are shooting. The team to fall apart.

Larry McCage finds the going rough against Arkansas. (Photo by Wayne Derrick)

Tony DeCello attempts to save the ball against Texas Tech. (Photo by Wayne Derrick)

Russell Henderson

Tuesday night at the Superdome in Austin, the Owls reached the low point of their season, as the Texas Longhorns thoroughly humiliated Rice 95-52.

Long ago, on January 13, the Owls defeated Texas Tech in Lubbock, and many people began talking about how much Rice had improved since the beginning of the season. But, after the first Texas game, the Owls have simply gotten worse.

True, both Elbert Darden and Brett Burkholder have missed a few games and are not yet at full strength, and Robert Hubble is out for the year, but the absence of these players should not cause the team to fall apart.

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Against Texas, for example, Bobby Tudor, who is supposed to be able to shoot, missed all nine of his shots. Larry McCage, who should not be shooting, made just 2 of 13. For the game, Rice managed to hit on just 32 of 117 percent.

As has been their habit of late, the Owls started the game very slowly, allowing Texas to jump to a quick 21-8 lead with 12:40 remaining in the half. The Horns built on their advantage by feeding the ball into 6-7 Philip Straud, who was too quick for the still-injured Brett Burkholder.

For the remainder of the first half, the two teams traded baskets, and Texas went into the locker room ahead by 39-27. The worst, however, was yet to come:

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The Owls continued to be the only Owls who remembers how to shoot the basketball. He led Rice with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Darden scored 10 points in just 23 minutes of action.

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Russell Henderson

In a game that was not as close as the score might indicate, the Texas Tech Red Raiders trounced the lackluster Rice Owls 78-56.

Rice did nothing well Thursday night, especially in the second half, when the team decided to stop executing. Rice had to start five freshmen due to Elbert Darden's illness, and the Owls looked lost without the senior co-captain.

The first half was not an offensive bonanza for either team but especially for the Owls, who shot only 20 times, making 9. Tech opened the game strongly, as they spurted to a 13-8 lead with 12:40 remaining in the first half. The next time down the court, Tech freshman Jeff Taylor made a 360 degree turn in midair and flipped the ball in for a layup.

The Owls inched back as they began to stifle the Tech inside game, Rice cut the lead to 18-14 with a Bobby Tudor basket and a pair of three throws each from Tudor and Larry McLage.

But, the Owls hit a dry spell, scoring only one basket in the last five minutes of the half. As a result, the Raiders took a 30-22 lead into the locker room.

In the second period, the Owls tried hard to duplicate their earlier bad effort against Houston as they dropped passes, had the ball stolen and generally played without much intensity. Texas Tech took advantage of Rice's poor showing by outscoring the Owls 32-8 in the first 10 minutes of the half, spreading their lead to 53-30.

From that point, things became progressively worse. Tech's largest lead was 29 points, at 69-40, after a short jumper by Thad Sanders. The Raiders' margin shrank when Coach Gerlad Myers sent in his scrubs, including crowd favorite Joe Baxter, who tallied 6 points in just 10 minutes of action.

Coach Mike Schuler made no excuses after the game—he simply pointed out that the team played without any intensity. Brian Burns had his second consecutive strong effort since rejoining the team, as he and Willis Wilson scored 14 points each. No other Owl was in double figures.

Joe Daniels scrambles for the ball against Texas Tech.

Rice Ruggers

Tie in the Mud

Alan Rodgers

Sunday's match between the Rice Rugby Club and the Gargoyles ended in a scoreless tie. The playing conditions have been getting worse week by week as the field had been transformed into a marsh. Mud and rain were the big factors responsible for this week's shutout. The terrible weather didn't take away any excitement, however. It produced some really funny plays and it gave everyone a face full of water a time or two.

Rice is .500 this semester with one win, one loss, and one tie. The loss came in their first game in January against Lamar University; last week's win against Bay Area is the only bright spot in what has started out to be an extra-rainy semester. As the weather improves, so will the scores of the rugby games.

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Part II. (continued from last week)

From the outset, Wiess was the most exclusive of the colleges; having no new wings, it could house only 180 residents to the 220 average at the three less discriminating colleges (Hanszen, seeking a distinction of its own, was self-styled "the gentlemen's college." A first for any other identity, Baker proclaimed it "the most Texan of the colleges.")

Possibly because Oxford had often been cited as the prototype of the college system, Rice became rhetorically traditional-conscious, each upstart college being eager to acquire immediately an aura of antiquity. For example, the beer-bike race was introduced upstart college being eager to Rice became frenetically itself "the most Texan of the identity." Baker proclaimed distinction of its own, was self-colleges. (Hanszen, seeking a the three less discriminating residents to the 220 average at the most exclusive of the

This migration the men who had freely chosen their colleges had convened frequently to get acquainted with each other and with the masters and their families and to form pro temp governments to serve for the brief remainder of that academic year, to draft college constitutions, and to supervise the election of the officers who would govern the colleges in 1957-58, and for the full year.

Hereof are positions to which Rice Institute students could be elected had been few in number and had included some bordering on the trivial: cheerleaders, Rondleat queens, Homecoming queens, vice-presidents of the sophomore class, etc. It was not until the politically ambitious had to face the indisputable fact that there were several offices in each college entailing much more responsibility than some positions with the all就算是 Student Association, and deservedly carrying more weight and honor. Up to this time Dr. Talmage had had no contacts with Rice students below the junior level. He and his wife Helena, both having grown up in Korea, the children of Christian missionaries, had never learned to dance and were practically unused to the pretty daughter Laney, in her early teens, and her younger brothers Van and Chuck, were helpful in bridging the generation gap.

Wiess House became a second home for many Wiess Guys and Mrs. T's cookery and her delicious cakes, served at late-night study breaks, became famous. The occasional appearance of a decanter of sherry, as well as their joining a folk-dance club, indicated Dr. and Mrs. T's adjustment to a new life.

Ray Gorman was Wiess' president for the three-month period ending in his graduation in June '57. He and his soon-elected successor for the 1957-58 year, Matt Gorges of the varsity football team, together with their experienced cabinet, labored willingly with the master to get Wiess off to a promising start.

In the Colleges

Sid Rich

Tonight is the last night of Melodrama tryouts— at 7 pm in the Basement Beehull Theatre. We need all the hams, artists, and flunkies we can get. It could be the most enjoyable and memorable thing you'll do this year, or pretty close to it. Possibly. There's a chance, anyway.

The Bronzents and Martins are giving an ice cream party for the members Brown and SRC on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, at 9 pm. The symphony poster will be given away this evening. The season runs through April but the glass case is getting crowded. Whoever comes closest to guessing the first word of Sunday's top headline in the Post gets it. Turn in your guess Saturday afternoon.

Brown and SRC have a tour of the new Mark Rothko exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts this Saturday morning. If you would like to go, please initial the poster for a headcount by tonight.

Finally, there will be another TG this Friday as scheduled, and watch for the jazz festival coming up next weekend.

Wiess

There will be a GIF tomorrow with Brown, at Brown. Saturday afternoon will feature beer team practice (for real this time, no fooling).

Lauvet

The referendum on freshman serving procedures and constitutional changes, namely off-campus election dates, will be held on February 20. All are important issues so please come and X-out your favorite. Any permanent improvement suggestions for the museum of Fine Arts this Saturday morning. If you would like to go, please initial the poster for a headcount by tonight.

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Fiscal vs. educational solvency in Chemistry

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about everybody in the department was involved."

Apparent with phase 1 is the concern of faculty members. Professor Graham Glass stated that he though Long had no reasonable suggestion to what was suggested. Dr. Paul Engel said that he had also spoken with Long but nothing like it and that the professors never really knew what was going on.

Engel says, however, that the problems are working okay but that the obtained improvement cost far too much. Professor Philip Brooks agrees that there has been a definite improvement in the ventilation system but he has reservations, along with Engel and Glass, about how long it will last. The ductwork installed in the building was made of galvanized iron, but he has reservations about the warnings of several members of the faculty.

Campus Business Manager Russ Pittman stated in an interview that there were simply not enough funds to afford stainless steel ducts. Engel stated that he had seen stainless steel ducts go in recently to replace a galvanized iron duct that rusted out since completion of phase 1.

The ventilation system often carries corrosive fumes and these have already begun to act on the system in some places, as is evidenced by the duct that was replaced. It seems that it is only a matter of time until this system will have to be replaced also.

Thus it appears that there is improvement for now, though several department members are skeptical as to how long the improvements will last and are concerned with the considerable cost of the work done.

Another, and perhaps more serious problem, was not remedied and may have been worsened by the renovation. At the present time the Chemistry Department is extremely cramped. In fact, several of the faculty have offices and labs outside of the building. Those that are in the building point out that the space problem complicates their research work considerably. Also because three classrooms were turned into research space, there are only two classrooms left in the building, the lecture hall and a lecture room on the third floor. This means that the smaller chemistry classes have to be held elsewhere. The need for research lab space has also cut into the undergraduate lab space. At one time there were twelve large undergraduate labs while today only five and one-third are left for such use. Construction also resulted in lost space in the stockroom and the loss of the department machine shop, both of which will hurt to a certain extent.

Meeting the fire code necessitated the straightening of several corridors. As a result, several labs, offices, and classrooms were lost or altered. Several faculty members feel space was lost. Dr. John Kilpatrick estimates that as much as 20% of the former usable space was lost. Dr. Hacker, however, disagrees, stating that the renovation opened up new space not previously used, thus increasing net space. Dr. Engel stated that any gain in space would amaze him.

There is also a considerable, perhaps critical, problem with lab equipment. It appears that there is a real need for improvement here, especially with certain undergraduate labs. In their present states, the freshman and physical chemistry labs are unsatisfactory. Dr. Engel stated that the Organic lab has undergone a slow but steady improvement through the last eight or ten years. The new research space promises to remedy some of their problems in this area. Their major problem has been with space.

Several members of the faculty feel that the root of the problem is that the university makes major purchases only in crisis situations rather than continually upgrading their facilities. Dr. Glass stated that at least as far as the Physical Chemistry lab was concerned there was not a regular budget for equipment. In fact, much of their equipment was donated by industry or from research projects that were completed.

The "continual upgrading" approach is recommended in the Committee on Educational Enhancement's report to the President. Though the funding needs to bring undergraduate labs (all departments) in line with modern concepts amounts to about $1 million, they do not recommend "that such funds be provided at one point or in a desultory manner." The committee recommends that purchases be carefully planned so that crisis situations do not arise. It further recommends that, if necessary, the university return to the practice of charging lab fees "in order to minimize the budgetary burden of a major laboratory-improvement program." The report ends, "By proceeding in a systematic way, an important area of Rice's undergraduate program can be restored to a good condition and the academic prestige of the University enhanced."

That there are more problems than are presented here cannot be denied. Perhaps facilities in the Chemistry Department and elsewhere have been neglected. There are sore spots. There is also a second side to the story. No one doubts that inflation has hit the University hard. Indeed, I was told that Chemistry departments everywhere had cut back.

But when a situation like the present one confronts us, we must ask which is more important, fiscal solvency or educational solvency?
**the rice people's calendar**

**Thursday the eighteenth**

7:00 pm. KTRU. To the Point - Rob Daniels Space Sci. Dept. discusses the results of the Pioneer probe to Venus.
7:30 pm. Media Center. Alexander Nevsky and Chapayev - Eisenstein and Yassilev, Russian w. subtitles.
8:00 pm. SH 352. Rice Baha'i Fireside.
10:00 pm. Will Rice Commons. Rally Club meeting.

**Friday the ninth**

All Day. Fonde Recreation Center. Rice Women's BB - Houston Tournament.
2:00 pm. Rice Pool. Rice Swimmers (men) vs. LSU.
7:00 pm. Kris. Coll. Library. Inter-Asian Christian Fellowship.
7:00 pm. Rice Pool. Rice Swimmers (women) vs. Stephen F. Austin.
7:15 pm. Rice Commons. The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean starring Paul Newman, free.
7:30 pm. Media Center. Woody Allen's What's Up, Tiger Lily?
The Laughmakers.
9:00 pm. SRC. basement. Bar Exam.
10:00 pm. Rice Commons. The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean.
10:00 pm. Media Center. What's Up, Tiger Lily? and The Laughmakers.
1:00 am. KTRU. Baci Radio - more on Beautiful Music stations.

**Saturday the tenth**

9:00 am. Rice Pool. Rice Invitational Swimmeet.
1:30 pm. Media Center. Three Caballeros.
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**Tuesday the thirteenth**

**Majors Day**

6:00 pm. RMC Grand Hall. Air Pollution Control Association dinner and speaker - Jim Sumpter, HLAAP - South Texas Nuclear Project.
7:00 pm. SH 307. Rice Sailing Club meeting.
7:15 pm. SH 309. Pre-Law meeting.
8:00 pm. RMC Chapel. Rockwell Lectures - John Wesley Cook, Ph.D., Yale University, A Visible Faith: Early Christian Ravenna, Italy — The Invitation: An Interpretation of an artistic setting for baptism. The Orthodox Baptists. The Art of Communion.
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Valentine's Day

8:00 pm. AbadG Zweber 153. Rice Univ. Amateur Radio Club meeting.
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**Thursday the eighteenth**

7:00 pm. Valhalla. GSA meeting.
7:30 pm. SH 301. SBSU meeting.
7:30 pm. Media Center. Ivan the Terrible part 1.
8:00 pm. SH 352. Rice Baha'i Fireside.
8:00 pm. HH. Rice Players perform Three One-Act Plays.
8:00 pm. RMC Chapel. John Wesley Cook, Yale, The Feast: An interpretation of an artistic setting for the Lord's Supper.

**Friday the twelfth**

7:00 pm. Rice Pool. Rice Swimming (men) vs. LSU.
7:15 pm. Rice Pool. Rice Scuba Club class.
7:00 pm. Kris Coll. Library. Inter-Asian Christian Fellowship.
7:00 pm. Rice Pool. Rice Swimmers (women) vs. Stephen F. Austin.
7:15 pm. Rice Commons. The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean starring Paul Newman, free.
7:30 pm. Media Center. Woody Allen's What's Up, Tiger Lily?
The Laughmakers.
9:00 pm. SRC. basement. Bar Exam.
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